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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Noo Li JEON et al.  
Serial No: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: Herewith  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GRADIENT GENERATION  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 33-53 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

A favorable first Office Action is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

Please charge any fee or any fee deficiency occasioned by this preliminary amendment to